Toward a RED List for Idaho's Macrofungi

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Two recent assessments of the diversity of organisms on federal land stimulated creation of preliminary lists of macrofungi of special concern. One assessment area encompasses the known range of the northern spotted owl in western Washington, western Oregon and northwestern California under the auspices of President Clinton's Forest Plan. The other assessment area encompasses all of Idaho, eastern Oregon, eastern Washington, and pieces of Utah, Montana, Nevada, and Wyoming under the auspices of the the Interior Columbia River Basin Ecosystem Management Project (ICBEMP). I have taken the information generated from these assessments and evaluated the macrofungal species of special concern to create a preliminary RED list of macrofungi from Idaho. Procedures for this evaluation are those proposed and followed for the Oregon RED list (Castellano 1997).

What is a RED list? "R" represents rarity for those species that are localized within restricted geographical areas or habitats or are thinly scattered over a more extensive range. "E" represents endangerment, which are species in danger of extinction throughout all or a significant portion of its range (Threatened status is regarded the same). "D" represents distribution that considers the overall species range.

Rare species are defined as those species that have 10 or fewer vouchered specimens or occurrences. Occurrences is defined as one or more collections within a square kilometer extant site; this reflects neither abundance within site or dispersal across the landscape and is independent of topography, habitat and history.

The creation of a RED list requires exchange of information between professionals and amateurs to fully evaluate the occurrence of macrofungi. The first RED list for any region in North America has been started for Oregon, and another is in process for Washington.



Until recently there had been no fungi listed on the federal list of Threatened and Endangered organisms, which is almost exclusively comprised of animal and plant species. Only one fungal species has been proposed, *Bridgeioporous nobilissimus* (formerly *Oxyporus nobilissimus*). Eventually, after further scrutiny, the macrofungi species on the Idaho RED list will draw enough additional attention from collectors that a firm understanding of their occurrence on the landscape will allow proposal of some Idaho species for federal listing. The preferred option to maintain species viability is to develop conservation strategies and recovery plans for these macrofungi, rather than a federal listing.

Macrofungi have a significant role in the physiological function of ecosystems as has already been discussed in another chapter by T. O'Dell. Sporocarp occurrence does not reveal the extent of the individual. The thallus (body of the fungus) ramifies through the substrate, be it soil, wood, or leaves. The sporocarp is just the fruit of the organism, much like apples from a tree. Some macrofungi produce many "fruits" per individual, while others produce few "fruits" per individual.

Macrofungi occupy a wide variety of habitats (e.g., forests, meadows, deserts, riparian areas) and substrates (e.g., leaves, rotten wood, live wood, various soil types). Many macrofungi only occur in a specific habitat or where a specific host occurs, and as such, have a limited distribution. For example, *Sowerbyella rhenea*, an Ascomycete, requires moist sites and is a regional endemic. In Idaho, it is found at Upper Priest River. *Morchella semilibera* requires burned areas to form sporocarps.

The survey and inventory of macrofungi present unique and significant challenges because of their cryptic nature, ephemeral occurrence, seasonality, clustering across the landscape, the paltry information on population biology, difficulties with identification, and destructive sampling methodologies. Timing of the survey work is critical. It must be done when the "fruits" have been produced. The season of fruiting for many species does not overlap, so repeated visits to the same location are needed throughout the fruiting season. Some species are hard to identify due to poor understanding of the taxonomy of certain species, genera, and families of fungi. Destructive sampling is sometimes needed for proper identification, particularly for the sequestrate fungi that often times form sporocarps within the substrate.

The success of the assessment for the President's Forest Plan encouraged us to attempt to assess the macrofungi for the ICBEMP. The available information for macrofungal species within the ICBEMP is

less comprehensive because collecting in remote and wide-ranging habitats has been extremely limited. This limited information at times has made it difficult to determine species rarity. I have relied largely on the expertise of mycologists who have worked in this area in creating the preliminary list presented below.

The RED list for Idaho macrofungi tentatively includes 29 genera and almost 200 species. Almost half of the species are Basidiomyetes (Table 1). Note that the list is heavy toward certain genera. This is directly related to the sources of available information used to compile the list. *Galerina, Hebeloma, Macowanites, Martellia, Pholiota, Psathyrella*, and *Rhizopogon* were studied intensively in this area by Dr. A.H. Smith and thus a great deal of information is known about these genera. Many other genera not studied in depth certainly occur in this area, and are without a doubt under-represented on the list at this time. Many of the species on the list are represented by one collection. Of almost 200 species, 95 are known from one collection in Idaho, many from Dr. Smith (historical collection).

Table 1

The Basidiomycete genera of special concern in Idaho include nine genera and 95 species. The number of species represented by each genus is noted in parentheses.

Amanita (2)	Lactarius (2)
Crepidotus (2)	Leccinum (1)
Galerina (13)	Pholiota (27)
Hebeloma (10)	Psathyrella (33)
Hygrophorus (5)	

The Ascomycetes are an often overlooked group of genera because many have small somewhat inconspicuous sporocarps. Ascomycetes are clearly under-represented in this assessment (Table 2). Many Ascomycete species that fruit on soil are thought to be mycorrhizal. Some are phenocoid, requiring burned areas to complete their life cycle. Many Idaho Ascomycetes are localized in their distribution. For example, *Plectania milleri*, a presumed mycorrhizal associate, is a regional endemic, known from one site in Clearwater County.

Table 2

The Ascomycete genera of special concern in Idaho include six genera and eight species. The number of species represented by each genus is noted in parentheses.

Helvella (2) Rhodocypha (1)

Morchella (1) Sowerbyella (2)

Plectania (1) Wynella (1)

The puffballs are also under-represented in this assessment having just two species listed, Calvatia owyheensis and Cyathus olla f. lanatus. The extensive dry habitat within the ICBEMP is likely habitat for these species, but the rainfall pattern and the ephemeral nature of these sporocarps make them difficult to survey for unless resident to the area.

Due to the work of Dr. Smith, the sequestrate fungi are well represented on the list (Table 3). Additional effort is necessary to survey the assessment area and redocument the occurrence of these sequestrate fungi. Some of the sequestrate species will be removed from the list as more complete information is generated through additional work to recollect sequestrate fungi in Idaho.

Table 3

The sequestrate genera of special concern in Idaho include 12 genera and 94 species. The number of species represented by each genus is noted in parentheses.

Chamonixia (1)	Destuntzia (1)
Gastroboletus (1)	Genabea ^a (1)
Gymnomyces (1)	Leucophleps (1)
Macowanites (12)	Martellia (7)
Picoa ^a (1)	Rhizopogon (66)
Seducula (1)	Truncocolumella (1)

a = Ascomycete genus of sequestrate fungi.

There are no representatives on the list of certain genera with many species in this region, but whose taxonomy is poorly understood. Some of these genera include *Cortinarius, Mycena, Ramaria*, and *Russula*. Of the almost 200 species, 116 are locally endemic, 44 are regional endemics, 33 are disjunct, and seven are on the periphery of the range.

I hope this preliminary list will create additional interest in these groups of organisms and generate comment and critique from interested individuals. The list is recommended as a starting point to begin discussion on what should and should not be included in the RED list for Idaho macrofungi. Comments and interest should be addressed to the author by mail, FAX (541-750-7382) or e-mail [castellanom@fsl.orst.edu].

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Preliminary RED List of Idaho's Macrofungi

		Associated Vegetation or
Fungus Name	County	Environmental Conditions
Amanita armillariformis	Owyhee	Salix or Artemisia
Amanita aurantiasquamosa	Owyhee	Salix or Artemisia
Calvatia owyheensis	Owyhee	Artemisia
Chamonixia brevicolumna	Valley	Picea engelmannii or Abies spp.
Crepidotus startosus	Idaho (?)	fallen leaves and twigs
Crepidotus sububer	Bonner	wood of Populus spp.
Cyathus olla f. lanatus	Owyhee	on wood of Artemisia and Sarcobatus
Destuntzia subborealis	Bonner	conifers
Galerina anelligera	Valley	on duff under conifers
Galerina borealis	Idaho (?)	on moss
Galerina castanescens	Bonner	on conifer logs

Galerina diabolissimaIdahoon mossGalerina fontinalisValleyon wet soilGalerina nordmannianaBonneron mossGalerina payettensisValleyon wet mos

Galerina payettensis Valley on wet moss under conifers
Galerina pseudostylifera Idaho on rotting conifer logs in cold wet places

Galerina pubescentipes Idaho on conifer logs
Galerina stylifera var. badia Idaho (?) on conifer debris
Galerina stylifera var. velosa Idaho (?) on conifer debris

Galerina triscopa f. longocysitis Valley on moss covered conifer log

Gastroboletus turbinatus var.

flammeus Valley Abies spp.

Genabea cerebriformis Owyhee Pseudotsuga with Pinus monophylla Gymnomyces ferruginascens Valley Picea engelmannii or Abies lasiocarpa

Hebeloma alpinicolaIdahoPimus albicaulisHebeloma idahoenseValleyPicea engelmanniiHebeloma kelloggenseShoshoneunknown PinaceaeHebeloma latisporumBonnerTsuga spp.

Hebeloma mesophaeum var.

subobscurum Idaho unknown Pinaceae

Hebeloma pseudofastible var. Valley unknown hosts on sandy soil
Hebeloma salmonense French Creek Glade,

Salmon River (?) unknown hosts

Hebeloma stanleyense Custer Co. Pinus spp. Hebeloma strophosum var.

occidentaleValleyPicea engelmanniiHebeloma vinaceogriseumIdahounknown hostsHelvella coriumKootenai, ValleyPinus or Salix spp.

Helvella corium

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Pinus or Salix spp.

Helvella maculata
Latah, Bonner, Idaho
unknown Pinaceae

Hygropharus hygdorfansis
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on soil at edge of hog yr

Hygrophorus burgdorfensisIdahoon soil at edge of bog under Pinus contortaHygrophorus ellenaeBoiseon gravelly soil under Pinus and AbiesHygrophorus nordmanensisBonneron soil under Tsuga

Hygrophorus vinicolor

Hommer

Idaho

On soil under Isuga

on soil under conifers

On moss

Lactarius payettensis Idaho (?) Abies, Almus, or Populus spp.

Lactarius rufus var. parvus Boundary Pinus and Abies spp.

Leccinum truebloodii Owyhee Populus or Pseudotsuga spp., or both

Leucophleps magnataValleyPseudotsuga menziesiiMacowanites acrisCusterPicea engelmanniiMacowanites citrinusCusterPinus contorta

Macowanites fulvescens Valley Picea engelmannii or Abies or both

Macowanites fuscoviolaceus Valley Abies lasiocarpa

Macowanites lilacimus Valley Picea engelmannii or Abies lasiocarpa
Macowanites nauseosus Valley Picea engelmannii or Abies lasiocarpa

Macowanites values Valley Pinaceae

Macowanites pinicola Boise Pinus contorta

Macowanites pseudometicus Valley Picea engelmannii

Macowanites subolivaceus Custer Picea engelmannii

Macowanites subrosaceus Valley Picea engelmannii or Abies or both

Macowanites vinicolor Valley Pinaceae

Martellia ellipsospora Idaho Pseudotsuga menziesii

Martellia foetens Idaho Pinus contorta

Martellia fragransValleyAbies spp.Martellia fulvisporaValleyPinaceaeMartellia monticolaValleyAbies lasiocarpaMartellia subalpinaValleyAbies lasiocarpa, Abies magnifica yar.

shastensis and Tsuga mertensiana

Martellia subochracea Valley Abies and Tsuga spp.

Morchella semilibera Latah, Canyon on soil usually in riparian areas or wet soil

Pholiota agglutinataValleyon moss under PiceaPholiota atripesfrom Idaho (?)on decayed conifer woodPholiota aurantioflavaBonneron conifer debris

Pholiota avellaneifolia Valley on soil under Picea engelmannii

Pholiota baptistiiAdaon conifer debrisPholiota brunneaValleyon conifer woodPholiota flavida var. graveolensBonneron conifer woodPholiota flavopallidaBonneron conifer woodPholiota fulvodiscaValleyon conifer duff

Pholiota fulvozonata Valley on confer duff
Pholiota fulvozonata Boundary on partially burned wood

Pholiota gruberi Nez Perce on needle cover under Larix occidentalis

Pholiota heimalis Boundary on Abies log

Pholiota humii Bonner, Idaho, Valley on or around decayed conifer logs

Pholiota luteola Valley on conifer logs Pholiota macrocvstis Valley on conifer logs Pholiota milleri Bonner on soil Pholiota nigripes Idaho, Valley on conifer logs Pholiota obscura Adams, Idaho, Valley on decayed wood Boundary on conifer debris

Pholiota occidentalis var. luteifoliaBoundaryon conifer debrisPholiota pallidaValleyon conifer logsPholiota pulchella var. brevipesBonneron soil

Pholiota scamboidesBonneron buried woodPholiota subechinataBonneron conifer log

Pholiota sublubrica Boise, Custer,

Pholiota subsaponacea Boundary on burned areas
Pholiota subsaponacea Boundary on burned areas

Pholiota umbilicata Boundary on debris from Thuja plicata

Picoa carthusiana Valley Pseudotsuga menziesii in North America

Plectania milleri Clearwater Abies spp. and Tsuga spp.

Psathyrella abieticola

Valley
Picea and Abies
Psathyrella acuticystis

Boundary

Picea and Abies
Picea and Abies

Psathyrella annulata Bonner on conifer duff under old-growth Tsuga

Psathyrella argentataBonneron cow dungPsathyrella boulderensisValleyon moist earthPsathyrella communisBonner, Boundaryon decayed wood

Psathyrella crassulistipes Bonner on sand

Psathyrella deserticola Owyhee under sagebrush

Psathyrella ellenae Valley under Picea engelmannii and Abies spp.

Psathyrella equinaValleyon horse dungPsathyrella fragransValleyon conifer debrisPsathyrella fulvaBonneron debrisPsathyrella fuscosporaValleyon soil

Psathyrella idahoensis Idaho on disturbed soil

Psathyrella lepidotoides Boundary on Populus log Psathyrella mesocystis Valley under Picea engelmannii and Abies spp.

Psathyrella nezpercii on mud in pastures Bonner, Idaho, Owyhee Psathyrella owyheensis Owyhee in cow pastures Psathyrella populorum Owyhee under Populus

Psathyrella pratemiis Bonner on debris under Populus Psathyrella pseudolimicola

Bonner, Idaho, Valley on soil Psathyrella psilocyboides Adams on soil in wet mountain meadows

Psathyrella roothaanensis Boundary on moss in swampy area Psathyrella rufogrisea var. bonnerensis Bonner on sticks along stream Psathyrella rufogrisea var. riparia Valley on wet soil along stream Psathyrella salictaria Idaho

on moss under Salix and Betula

Psathyrella sublongipes Idaho under Betula

Psathyrella subnuda var. velosa Bonner on humus under Populus

Psathyrella subradicata Owyhee on burned soil Psathyrella variata Bonner on Populus log Psathyrella vesiculocystis Idaho on conifer debris Psathyrella wapinitaensis Bonner, Idaho, Valley on conifer logs Psathyrella warrenensis Idaho on grassy soil

Rhizopogon abietis Custer, Idaho, Valley Picea engelmannii, Pinus and Abies spp.

Rhizopogon albidus Valley, Idaho Pinus albicaulis or Abies spp.

Rhizopogon albiroseus Bonner Abies lasiocarpa

Rhizopogon alkalivirens Adams Pinaceae

Rhizopogon alpestris Valley Picea engelmannii or Abies spp.

Rhizopogon anomalus **Boundary** Pinus or Larix spp. Rhizopogon arenicola Bonner Pinus contorta Rhizopogon argillaceus Valley, Bonner Picea engelmannii Rhizopogon avellaneitectus Bonner Pinus contorta Rhizopogon brunneicolor Bonner, Idaho, Valley Pinaceae Bonner Pinaceae

Rhizopogon brunneifibrillosus Rhizopogon butyraceus Idaho, Valley Pinaceae Rhizopogon chamalelotimus Bonner Pinaceae Rhizopogon cinerascens Bonner Pinaceae Rhizopogon clavitisporus Valley Pinaceae Rhizopogon colossus var. colossus Valley Pinaceae Rhizopogon cylindrisporus Shoshone Pinaceae Rhizopogon deceptivus

Adams, Bonner, Idaho Pinaceae Rhizopogon evadens var. subalpinus Idaho Pinus albicaulis

Rhizopogon fallax Idaho, Custer Pinus contorta Rhizopogon flavofibrillosus Valley Pimus spp., Picea engelmannii, Abies

lasiocarpa, or Pseudotsuga menziesii

Rhizopogon florencianus Idaho Abies or Picea engelmannii Rhizopogon fragrans Valley, Idaho

Pinaceae Rhizopogon griseogleba Valley Picea engelmannii

Rhizopogon hysterangioides Valley Picea engelmannii, Abies lasiocarpa Rhizopogon inquinatus **Bonner** Pseudotsuga menziesii, Tsuga heterophylla

Rhizopogon kauffmanii Idaho, Boundary Pinaceae

Rhizopogon laetiflavus Valley Abies or Pinus spp.

Rhizopogon luteoalboides Idaho Pinus albicaulis, Abies lasiocarpa or Picea

engelmannii

Rhizopogon luteorubescens Bonner, Idaho, Valley Pinaceae Rhizopogon hutescens Valley, Boise Pinaceae Rhizopogon milleri Bonner Larix occidentalis or Pinus spp. Rhizopogon molligleba Idaho Pinus albicaulis or Abies spp. Rhizopogon obscurus Adams, Valley Pinus contorta Rhizopogon ochraceisporus Boise, Idaho, Valley Pseudotsuga menziesii, Abies spp. Bonner, Idaho Rhizopogon ochraceobrunnescens Pinaceae Rhizopogon ochroleucus Valley, Idaho Pinaceae Rhizopogon olivaceoluteus Bonner, Idaho Abies spp. Rhizopogon parvulus Valley, Bonner Abies and Larix spp. Rhizopogon pseudoaffinis Valley Abies spp. or Picea engelmannii Rhizopogon pseudoalbus Valley Abies spp. or Picea engelmannii Rhizopogon quercicola Bonner Pinaceae Rhizopogon rogersii Bonner Pinaceae Rhizopogon rubescens var. pallidimaculatus Abies spp. or Pinus spp. Valley Rhizopogon rudus Bonner Pseudotsuga menziesii Rhizopogon semireticulatus Latah Pinus ponderosa or Abies grandis Rhizopogon semitectus Bonner, Boundary Abies lasiocarpa or Tsuga mertensiana Rhizopogon sordidus Boundary Pinus ponderosa Rhizopogon subbadius Custer Pinus contorta Rhizopogon subcaerulescens var. viridescens Bonner Tsuga spp. Rhizopogon subcinnamomeus Bonner Pimus contorta or Pseudotsuga menziesii Rhizopogon subclavitisporus Bonner Pseudotsuga menziesii Rhizopogon subcroceus Adams, Boise, Custer, Valley Pinus spp. Rhizopogon subgelatinosus Bonner, Valley Pinus spp. or Pseudotsuga menziesii Rhizopogon sublateritus Bonner, Valley Pinus ponderosa or Abies magnifica Rhizopogon subolivascens Valley Pinaceae Rhizopogon subpurpurescens Custer, Idaho Pinus contorta, Tsuga mertensiana, and Abies lasiocarpa Rhizopogon subsalmonius var. griseolilascens Bonner Abies lasiocarpa Rhizopogon subsalmonius var. roseitinctus Idaho Pinus albicaulis or Abies lasiocarpa Rhizopogon subsalmonius var. similis Bonner, Idaho Picea engelmannii or Abies lasiocarpa Rhizopogon udus Bonner, Idaho, Valley Picea engelmannii or Pinus contorta Rhizopogon umbrinoviolascens Idaho Larix occidentalis or Pseudotsuga menziesii Rhizopogon variabilisporus Idaho Picea engelmannii or Abies Rhizopogon vesiculosus Idaho Pinus contorta Rhizopogon villescens Bonner Pseudotsuga menziesii or Abies or both Rhizopogon zelleri Valley, Adams Pseudotsuga menziesii Rhodoscypha ovilla **Boundary** on soil under fern Sowerbyella imperialis Boundary saprophytic Sowerbyella rhenana **Boundary** saprophytic Truncocolumella citrina var. separabilis Valley Pseudotsuga menziesii Custer, Idaho Wynnella silvicola

on moss near riparian areas